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WEARE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 6, 2006

**PRESENT:** LAURA BUONO CHAIRMAN; LEON METHOT, VICE CHAIRMAN; HELEEN KURK, SELECTMAN; DONNA M. OSBORNE, SELECTMAN; JOSEPH M. FIALA, SELECTMAN

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:** Gregory C. Begin, Interim  
**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Cherry Palmisano

**GUESTS:** William Tiffany, Robert Richards, George Malette, Carl Knapp, John Osborne, Peter Buono, Paul King, Brian Holt, Richard Townes, Frank Campana, Charles Meany, Forrest Esenwine, Ginger Esenwine, Richard Butt

**6:34 Chairman Laura Buono called the meeting to order.**

**1. DEPARTMENT HEAD** – Chief Richards informed the Board he spoke with Selectman Kurk regarding the proposals for the tanker. Chief Richards stated Mr. Carl Knapp has shown interest in taking the old tanker which could be traded in for \$6,000. Mr. Knapp reminded the Board they had talked about this in the past, stating there are a number of uses for this truck. The tanker could be used for water in the summer because they have to put a tank in back of a current truck and it ties the truck up for the entire summer. Currently they hire someone to spray liquid calcium and then they would be able to do it themselves along with washing the bridges. Mr. Knapp said he would be interested in the tanker if the Board approves to take \$6,000 from his CIP for vehicle replacement. Mr. Knapp said they would not ever look to replace this vehicle. Chairman Buono asked Mr. Knapp how much they spend now for the liquid calcium. Mr. Knapp said he didn't have the current figures but this would save money. Selectman Kurk asked Mr. Knapp how long it would take him to save the \$6,000 by using the truck. Mr. Knapp stated it would make up the difference in the first year. Selectman Kurk said if it will come out of the CIP then it needs to go before the CIP Committee.

Vice Chairman Methot asked Chief Richards about the ordering of the chassis and said there was supposed to be a savings from ordering the chassis early. Chief Richards said he already accounted for that with the \$6,000 included. Vice Chairman Methot said the \$6,000 could come out of the Fire Department CIP. Selectman Kurk said it does not matter to her which CIP the \$6,000 comes from but the CIP committee needs to be in control of the funds. Vice Chairman Methot said he sees no problem in the Highway Department taking ownership of the vehicle. Selectman Kurk reiterated that this vehicle will not go into Mr. Knapp's vehicle rotation plan and he said correct. Mr. Knapp said he does not see a plus in trading the vehicle in for the \$6,000 to put in surplus instead of rotating it to the Highway Department. Selectman Fiala was concerned with the vehicle only being worth \$6,000 and asked if it need repairs at this time. Mr. Knapp said the vehicle will benefit his department. Selectman Fiala asked if it is worth \$6,000 to the town or should we trade it for the money. Mr. Knapp said it is good for the Highway Department but not for the Fire Department. Mr. Knapp said the tank alone is worth over \$6,000 to him.

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Chairman Buono asked Mr. Knapp if he had heard that you can use ground up sheet rock in place of calcium. Mr. Knapp said he had not, but would like to get more information. The Board agreed to keep the tanker to be used for the Highway Department.

Chief Richards would like to go over the two proposals they received because the sooner they get the tanker then the old one can be used by the Highway Department. Chief Richards discussed proposals he received, stating he didn't hear back from several companies. Chief Richards read the proposals:

- \$119,131.85 plus \$6,000 for trade from Valley, total cost \$125,000
- \$134,617.85 figured in equipment list of \$2,700 and radio transfer from S&S, but they do not want the trade

Chief Richards stated he has no problem with Mr. Knapp taking ownership of the old tanker and feels it would benefit his department. Selectman Kurk asked Chief Richards if this has come before the CIP committee, Chief Richards stated it was discussed.

**Vice Chairman Methot moved, Chairman Buono seconded to award the purchase of the tanker to Valley in the amount of \$125,131.85. Passed 5-0-0.**

**2. COMMITTEE ITEMS** – Mr. Paul King, Emergency Management Director, gave a brief overview of the hazard litigation plan and thanked the Department Heads and people who have been participating in the planning. They have identified as a group 25 potential problems and have worked with Southern New Hampshire Planning to try and get grants to help with these projects. The Hazard Litigation Plan will be available to the public for comments before it is sent off to FEMA for final approval. Once it comes back from FEMA it will come before the Board for approval. Before July 1 they will be entering into a contract with matching funds with the Southern New Hampshire Planning and will be able to come up with a very nice project. Mr. Kings has been attending meetings with Concord Hospital and has discussed small pox and avian flu inoculations within a 3 tier plan and discussed site plan review as to where to hold emergencies. Mr. King mentioned the storm of February 17 and said it affected several residents in town. Mr. King informed the Board the CERT went out and checked on residents to see if anyone needed help. They were in touch with the Red Cross. The Board thanked Mr. King for all his efforts. Chairman Buono mentioned there was a \$3,000 stipend available for the Emergency Management Director.

Mr. Peter Buono said Mr. King went out very early during the storm on the 17<sup>th</sup> to check on residents. Mr. Buono received a call from Sgt. Carney and he referred him to Mr. King. Mr. Buono said there were 100 residents in about 4 different pockets who were out of power. Residents responded positively to the fact people were concerned with their well being. Mr. Buono said no one wanted to leave their residences even though they were informed there was a shelter available. Mr. Buono spoke about a survey they will be sending out to residents. Mr. Buono said they are looking for locations to use for emergency situations, possibly the use of the new Middle School. Chairman Buono stated the Board should look into a possible clause if the Town Hall would need to be used, and then a function might have to be cancelled. Mr. Buono said they are also looking into the High School. Mr. Buono spoke of the need for members to volunteer for the CERT and informed the Board 3 people will be getting certified from FEMA at the Pinardville station. Selectman Kurk asked if there was a cost for this class. Mr. Buono stated Goffstown will be paying for the instructor at this time but in the future to certify other members we will need to pay an instructor fee. Other people have shown interest in joining the team. Mr. Buono would like to contact Chief Richards in having a course in CPR to certify people and they will be paid for doing so. The Board thanked Mr. Buono for his efforts.

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Mr. Charles Meany said the work on repairing the classroom at the Weare Middle School looks great and should be operational soon. Mr. Meany has the application for the building permit for the new Weare Middle School and has requested information from Mr. Jim Crane. Mr. Meany said there are no sprinkler plans or driveway permits included in the permit and he would like this information. The owner's affidavit needs approval from SAU for Eckman Construction to get approval. Mr. Meany informed the Board there are septic system problems which could affect the building of the school. Mr. Meany would like to know when they will break ground. Mr. Carl Knapp said the issue is the amount of flow 20,000 gallons a day triggers another set of permits. Mr. Knapp said they should be trying to obtain ground waste water permits, it will be a long process, when all said and done the system will be rated for 30,980 - by his calculations anything up to 1,000 people at the school would put them at 80%. Vice Chairman Methot asked if the 3 family needs to be accounted for in the plans since they are already on the same system. Mr. Knapp said the current plan was designed for 706 staff and students to stay at the comfort level for the fields to last several years. Mr. Knapp said things have changed since then and toilets and water usage has become more efficient. Mr. Knapp is concerned with getting started on this permit soon. Selectman Kurk asked if any of this information will affect any abutters land. Mr. Knapp said no. Mr. Knapp said the town will incur costs to perform tests on the system.

Vice Chairman Methot said they are meeting with the School Board on the 21<sup>st</sup> and asked Mr. Knapp to obtain the information prior to the meeting. Mr. Knapp said a greater concern would be the possibility of 1200 students in the school; however 1,000 people in the building will max out the system planned now. Mr. Knapp said their connection permit states 800 students and 100 staff. Selectman Kurk said so technically the town would have to pay the cost to have a ground water discharge permit. Selectman Kurk said she is trying to look ahead. Mr. Knapp said the septic/sewage will just about double when they hook on because the pumps will run more often. Selectman Kurk asked if we will get revenue from the school to offset their usage, it was discussed it would. Chief Begin asked Mr. Knapp why he anticipates going from 800 gallons to 20,000 gallons when they hook on. Mr. Knapp said because the school is not currently hooked on. Mr. Knapp said there are probably 200-250 people using the current system. Selectman Kurk asked if the 1,000 was just the school or overall. Mr. Knapp said the school at 1,000. Mr. Knapp said he is comfortable with the design and did a lot of research and he researched the system working at 100% but the state recommends running at 80%. Mr. Knapp says the issue is the ground water permit. Selectman Kurk said the School Board would like to know what the Selectman would like to go over at the meeting. Vice Chairman Methot said they need to go over the sprinkler systems, fire suppression system, driveway permits, and septic system. Selectman Kurk stated there are citizens that would like to have the location changed. Vice Chairman Methot said if the SAU submits all the necessary plans then the town cannot hold back the permit. Mr. Meany said the school might ask to have some things waived. Mr. Meany said the major information has been submitted so if the Board wants to grant them any waivers then he could issue the permit tomorrow.

Selectman Kurk asked Mr. Knapp to discuss the well. Mr. Knapp said the biggest issue is the well is not hooked up yet. Until the one at the Library is hooked up then the old fire station cannot be torn down. The well needs to contain a certain amount of fluoride and quality of water. Mr. Knapp said it will all get worked out. Mr. Knapp said when this gets hooked up then the line going into the Library is only  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch and will not be big enough. The line into the Library and out to the main will need to be increased. Mr. Knapp said the old building can not come down until the new well is in place and hooked up.

Mr. Meany said to demolition asbestos containing materials there is data that needs to be compiled. Mr. Meany heard there was no asbestos but has seen no documentation. Vice Chairman Methot said the property is theirs now. Mr. Meany said he still needs the documentation and the state form so he can issue the demolition permit.

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Mr. Meany informed the Board his Secretary has submitted her letter of resignation. He stated she needed to have a full time position with benefits and was unsure of what her future was with the town. Mr. Meany would like to hold off advertising for the position until after March 14 to see what the position entails. Mr. Meany mentioned utilizing Diane Lamb to cover his office and as a floater after she is trained. Mr. Meany said the justification in utilizing Ms. Lamb for extra hours is to use her as a floater and train her. Chief Begin said her hours will have to be worked out because she will be getting paid from the town for 40 hours even if it is split between departments.

**Vice Chairman Methot moved, Selectman Kurk seconded to appoint Ian Mc Sweeney to the Zoning Board of Adjustments for a 3 year term. Passed 5-0-0.**

**Vice Chairman Methot moved, Selectman Osborne seconded to reappoint Paul Morin and Chuck Bolton to the Planning Board each for a 3 year term. Passed 5-0-0.**

Chairman Buono opened the public hearing at 7:45 p.m.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING – To receive testimony and comment on an increase in fees for demolition at the Transfer Station.** Mr. Knapp said the increase derives from being unable to dispose of the materials from the current disposal facility at the current price. The facility accepts the pressure treated but at a different rate. Mr. Knapp said they set up 2 roll off containers for the sheet rock and pressure treated to keep them separated. Mr. Knapp showed them his future plans so in the mean time they kept him at the same rate. \$82 a ton for disposal of the sheet rock and pressure treated. Mr. Knapp said there are other options to take the material to landfills up north but the trucking cost will be the same or more. Mr. Knapp said the fee change would be for pressure treated and sheet rock only because those are the materials they are being charged more for. The demolition gets ground up and sent to Maine to be used for power, therefore sheet rock and pressure treated need to be separated. Sheet rock \$45-50 a cubic yard to dispose of. The new fees will cover the cost to dispose of the material but the town will gain no profit. Selectman Kurk asked Mr. Knapp for an estimate of what he takes in. Mr. Knapp said in the summertime the 100 ton truck goes out once a week. Clean wood separated does not have to go into the demolition bid and can go into the brush pile. Selectman Kurk would like the transfer station to come out with a flyer stating all the fees.

Mr. Mike Pelletier stated he stopped taking things to the dump and now hires a dumpster. Mr. Pelletier asked Mr. Knapp how many contractors he gets down at the dump; Mr. Knapp said very few contractors come in. The demolition trailer will not accept any trash, packaging, cardboard, or styrofoam they have to go through the trailer and take it out.

**Chairman Buono closed the public hearing at 7:58 p.m.**

**Vice Chairman Methot moved, Selectman Kurk seconded to set a user fee for dry wall and pressure treated in a separate dumpster at \$50/cubic yard. Passed 5-0-0.**

Selectman Kurk asked Mr. Knapp if they keep track of what is taken in. Mr. Knapp said everything is recorded. Selectman Kurk asked if at the end of the year he could provide them with the information. Mr. Knapp will provide the documentation. Mr. Knapp said this change will run the demolition line over. Selectman Kurk asked when Mr. Knapp could give them a number of the cost. Mr. Knapp said at this time it is hard to predict. Mr. Knapp said the transfer station does not accept credit cards and will no longer be accepting IOU's.

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**Chairman Buono opened the public hearing at 8:03 p.m.**

**4. PUBLIC HEARING – To receive testimony and comment on the change of ownership of the Townes Gravel Pit.** Mr. Townes said the way the gravel pit operates will not change he is just transferring the ownership from his parents to himself. Mr. Townes said there will be no increase in the amount of trucking amount. There was no public comment.

**Chairman Buono closed public hearing at 8:06 p.m.**

**Vice Chairman Methot moved, Selectman Kurk seconded to authorize the change of ownership of Townes Excavating to Richard Townes Passed 5-0-0.**

Mr. Townes said he is waiting for his LLC and will provide further documentation.

The Board discussed that the town has ownership of Bolton Field and the playground equipment and it is covered by insurance.

Chairman Buono stated they need to have Tina Pelletier send a letter to the auditors to close out the capital assets.

Selectman Kurk wants to make sure they have a conversation on the right to know.

Selectman Kurk asked if the employees have met with the Health Insurance. Chief Begin will get it set up. Selectman Kurk said the Interim TA could follow up on this.

Selectman Kurk asked if Naomi Bolton could set up a meeting with the Buxton's to make the field regulation size.

Selectman Kurk said she will confirm the March 21st meeting with the School Board.

## **5. MEETING MINUTES –**

**Chairman Buono moved, Vice Chairman Methot seconded to approve the minutes of December 22, 2005 as amended. Passed 4-0-1 Selectman Fiala abstained.**

**Chairman Buono moved, Vice Chairman Methot seconded to approve the minutes of January 9, 2006; January 16, 2006; January 25, 2006; January 30, 2006; February 6, 2006 as amended. Passed 4-0-1 Chairman Buono abstained.**

## **6. MANIFESTS**

**Chairman Buono moved, Vice Chairman Methot seconded, to authorize the Board of Selectman to sign Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign checks dated March 9, 2006. Passed 5-0-0.**

Accounts payable	\$566,710.60
Gross Payrolls	<u>\$32,464.49</u>
Total	\$599,175.09

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**Chairman Buono moved, Vice Chairman Methot seconded, to enter into nonpublic session @ 8:22 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3II(b). A roll call vote was taken. Vice Chairman Methot - yes; Selectman Osborne - yes; Selectman Kurk - yes; Selectman Fiala - yes; Chairman Buono - yes. Passed 5-0-0.**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

A True Record.

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Cherry Palmisano, Recording Secretary